

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8 with:

In a distance measuring apparatus (a passive ~~AF~~ autofocusing (AF) system distance measuring apparatus, for example) that is capable of obtaining a plurality of distance measurement values, and that determines autofocus data (a parameter for adjusting a plane to be brought into focus by autofocus means) based on the plurality of distance measurement values obtained, it is common to use the shortest distance data selected among a plurality of obtained distance measurement values as the autofocus data without further processing, or to set the mean value of the distance measurement values as the autofocus data. The distance measuring apparatus of the camera disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 5-188276, for example, switches between using the mean value of the distance measurement values, and using the shortest distance depending on the magnitude of the shortest distance in comparison with a predetermined threshold value.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4 with:

Fig. 9B is a schematic view in which the face of a person ~~2~~ is photographed with ~~the~~ a camera ~~1~~ from a short distance;